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SUBJECT: DUSIT HOTEL STRIKE CONTINUES

REF: A. BANGKOK 14196; B. BANGKOK 13674

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. "BANGKOK WORLD" SEPTEMBER 5 REPORTED THAT DUSIT HOTEL MANAGING DIRECTOR WOULD NOT APPOINT AN ARBITRATOR BECAUSE AT THIS STAGE "THERE WOULDN'T BE ANY POINT". SAME SOURCE REPORTS THAT STRIKE LEADER THOEDPHUM CHAIDEE (PRESIDENT OF HOTEL AND HOSTEL WORKERS' ASSOCIATION) WAS STATING THAT OTHER HOTEL WORKERS WERE ORGANIZING SYMPATHY STRIKES. TEXTILE WORKERS' ASSOCIATION ALLEGEDLY WILL GIVE "SOME KIND" OF SUPPORT TO THE HOTEL WORKERS IN REPAYMENT FOR THEIR SOLIDARITY AT TIME OF TEXTILE STRIKE EARLIER IN YEAR. END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. LABOR DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL TOLD EMBASSY OFFICER SEPTEMBER 5 HE WAS CONFIDENT DUSIT THANI STRIKE WOULD BE SETTLED WITHIN DAY OR TWO. SAID THAT ONE OF MAJOR ISSUES IN CURRENT AND RECENT HOTEL STRIKES WAS DIVISION AMONG EMPLOYEES OF INCOME FROM SERVICE CHARGE. EXPLAINED THAT PRACTISC HAD BEEN FOR CHIEF OF SERVICING UNIT WHERE SERVICE CHARGE
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IS COLLECTED TO DRAW ON THIS MONEY FOR OWN PUROPOSES AND

THEN TO DIVIDE THE BALANCE. SAME OFFICIAL EXPRESSED
CONFIDENCE THAT WORKER ATTITUDES HAD IMPROVED SINCE RECENT
GOVERNMENT STEPS TO ALTER LABOR LAW.

3. COMMENT: THOEDPHUM IN RECENT HOTEL SIAM INTERCONTIN-
ENTAL STRIKE, THAT INITIATED THE CURRENT SERIES OF HOTEL
STRIKES, ALSO SOUGHT TO IMPLY THAT SYMPATHY STRIKES WOULD
BE FORTHCOMING FROM OTHER HOTEL WORKERS. HE WAS NOT
SUCCESSFUL AT THAT TIME ALTHOUGH STRIKE ENDED WITH
WORKERS WINNING MOST OF THEIR DEMANDS. ALSO NOT CERTAIN
THAT THOEDPHUM CAN DELIVER THIS TIME. HOWEVER, IF
STRIKE SETTLED SOON HE WILL NOT HAVE TO PROVE HIS THREAT
AND WILL THUS AGAIN AVOID LOSING FACE.
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